

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 185 - SB 1355

February 23, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that if a vacancy occurs in the state senate in a seat with more than two years remaining in the term, but within 45 days of the next general election for members of the general assembly, a member of a county executive committee who represents the precincts composing such senate district may nominate a candidate to appear on the November election ballot by any method authorized under the rules of the party within 48 hours of notice of the vacancy. Stipulates that such election by the respective county executive committee shall not be subject to early voting. Requires the county election commission to allow any person, who did vote early for the November election, to additionally cast a ballot in person on election day for any state senate election held pursuant to the particular state senate vacancy aforementioned.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-14-202(d), if a vacancy occurs in the state senate in a seat with more than two years remaining in the term, but less than twelve 12 months before the next general election for members of the general assembly, candidates for the primary elections and independent candidates shall qualify at the regular qualifying deadline for state elections.
- This legislation will require that if such a vacancy occurs and it's within 45 days of the next general election, the county executive committee who represents the affected precincts may nominate a candidate by any method authorized under the rules of the party, within 48 hours of notice of such vacancy, rather than having the candidate receiving the highest number of write in votes as such election be elected as is currently the case.
- This legislation will affect the specific individuals which are placed on a general election ballot for state senate to fill a vacancy under certain circumstances.
- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on state or local government.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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